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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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03/01/2014: Scott, WA5A, will be active from Ruaka, Kenya, around the first week in January, 2014. QRV holiday style on the HF bands as 5Z4/WA5A until about 28th January. QSL via home call. [DX World]

03/01/2014: Francis, F6BLP, will again be QRV as 6W7SK from Saly Portudal, Senegal, between 3-31 January, 2014. QRV mainly CW on 80-10 metres. If possible he also hopes to be active on 160M with an Inverted L. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, direct, French bureau (REF). Previous 6W7RK activity can be found at: www.f6blp.org/ [DX World]

03/01/2014: Look for OG0A to be active on the low bands and WARC bands between 3-13 January 2014. The OH0X contest site (Brando Island - EU-002, WW Loc. KP00MK) will be used as the base camp with 160m slopers for the US and Japan and a 2-L 80m beam atop a 42-metre (140ft) rotating tower. Main activity will be on CW, but SSB/RTTY will also be used occasionally. Operators include Mari OH2FPK (YL), Rami OH2BCI, Martti OH2BH, Pertti OH2PM and Pekka OH2TA. QSL via OH2BH. Online log will be hostd by ClubLog. This operation is dedicated to the Youth On The Air (YOTA) summer camp due to be organized in Finland from July 15 through July 22, 2014 with two young YLs - Mari, OH2FPK and Kati, OH2FKX - in charge. All OQRS QSL requests for OF9X and OG0A with donations will be directed to cover the costs of this healthy youth activity in Finland. You can OQRS OF9X and OG0A respectively via their QRZ.com page. [OH2BH]

04/01/2014: Vittorio, I2GPT will be active as 5H1VC from Zanzibar Island (AF-032, WLOTA 1080, WWFF 5HFF-003) from 4-12th January 2014 as 5H1VC. Operations will be in CW and, for the first time, in RTTY ("it's the very first time for me in this mode, so be patient."). Bands: 40 to 10 mt in CW and ONLY 20 mt in RTTY. QSL manager will be RW6HS Vasiliy. Please, send cards requests to RW6HS, direct (QRZ.com) or by the bureau. [DX World]

04/01/2014: Mike, OE1SSS, will be active from the Kandooma Resort, island of Kandooma Fushi, South Male Atoll, Maldive Islands (AS-013, WLOTA 3911), as 8Q7SM between 4-11th January, 2014. QRV holiday style on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call. [DX World]

04/01/2014: Jakob, OZ7AEI, will be homecall/p on 4 January 2014 and will activate the beautiful open moors at Harrild Hede (WWFF OZFF-102), located in Central Jutland, Denmark. Activity will start in the afternoon on 40m and 20m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [OZ7AEI]

09/01/2014: Andy, DL6AP, will be active (weather permitting) as DL6AP/p on 9 January 2014 from the Nature Reserve Unteres Recknitztal (WWFF DLFF-152) and castle Slawenburg Carnitz (WCA DL-03591, COTA-DL MVB-322). QRV starting 1300 UTC on 7.024 MHz (+/-) and higher Flora-Fauna frequencies. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [DL6AP]

09/01/2014: Alex, M6CFW, will once again be active as XU7AEU from Phnom Penh between 9-14th January 2014. QRV on the HF bands, mainly PSK with some SSB, using FT-897D and various antennas. Alex will post his log to eQSL immediately,

Clublog at the end of the trip and LoTW. QSL cards are available direct via his home callsign of M6CFW in England, along with a self addressed envelope and 2 euro or 2 USDs or a valid IRC. CARDS WILL NOT BE SENT VIA THE BUREAU. [OPDX Bulletin]

LOOKING AHEAD -

15/01/2014: Toshi, JA8BMK, will be active as XW8BM from Vientiane, Laos, between 15-30th January 2014. Plans are to be QRV holiday style on 160-10 metre, all mode, using a hexbeam, verticals and inverted V. Note: start and end dates are approximate and might change. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [DX World]

31/01/2014: Sergio PP5JR, Eduardo PU5FJR and Bia PU5BIA (ham family), together with Zorro JH1AJT will be active from Bhutan as A52JR between 31 January and 4 February 2014. QRV 80-10m, SSB only. QSL via PP5VB. [DX World]

01/02/2014: Once again Janusz, SP9YI, will work from 01-28 February 2014 (QTH Poland) with HF0A special event callsign to popularize Antarctica; another anniversary of the Arctowski Polish Antarctic Station and celebrate Antarctic Activity Week 2014. HF0A counts for Arctowski Antarctic Award Program (www.piekary.com.pl/aaa)!!! QSL via SP9YI, bureau or direct (Janusz Slowinski, Bankowa 1, 42-460 Mierzecice, Poland). Further info at: www.qrz.com/db/HF0A [www.waponline.it/]

14/02/2014: Toshi, JA8BMK, will be active as XV2BM from Vietnam between 15th February and 25 March 2014. Plans are to be QRV holiday style on 160-10 metre, all mode, using a hexbeam, verticals and inverted V. Note: start and end dates are approximate and might change. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [DX World]

15/02/2014: Pierre, F8DHE, will be active for the 11th Antarctic Activity Week using the special call TM11WAP (WAP-247) between 15 February and 2 March 2014. QRV on 80m to 10m CW and SSB. This activity is in Park National of Livradois Forez, valid for WWFF, the reference is FFF-026. Special full color QSL card via home call, by the bureau or direct (Pierre Chassain, 22 Rue de la Barotie, 42440 Noiretable, France) with 1 new IRC or 2 USD. [www.waponline.it/]

17/02/2014: ARI Trieste (IQ3TS) will operate as II3MNA for the 11th Antarctic Activity Week (17-23 February) from the Italian Antarctic Museum in Trieste, Italy. QRV on all bands and modes. QSL via IQ3TS, bureau or direct (A.R.I. - Sezione di Trieste, Via Louis Pasteur 16/1, Trieste, IT 34139, Italy), with SAE + 2$ (outside Europe). [www.waponline.it/]

17/02/2014: Max, IZ5BTC, will once again be active as II5ANT (WAP-025) from Lucca, Italy, inthe 11th Antarctic Activity Week (17-23 February). Look for activity on all bands and modes, propagation allowing. QSL via IZ5BTC, bureau or direct (Massimo Simi, Via Sorbano del Vescovo 45/b - 55100 Lucca, Italy). [www.waponline.it/]

17/02/2014: IR2A is a "New Entry" for the next 11th Antarctic Activity Week. This callsign, which has been used for the first time 25 years ago by IK2HTW during one of the very first Antarctic celebrations is now been issued to Giovanni Terzaghi Giovanni ("John") IK2JYT by the Ministry of Communication to be used during the Antarctic Activity Week (17-23 February). IR2A will maintain the original WAP reference WAP-003, issued on 1998. A nice opportunity though to work WAP-003 after so many years! QSL IR2A via IK2JYT by the bureau or direct (Giovanni Terzaghi, Via G. Verdi, 19, I-22070 Bulgarograsso (CO), Italy). [www.waponline.it/]

17/02/2014: Look for Cor, PA3FOE, to participate in the 11th Antarctic Activity Week (17-23 February) using the special call PA6ANT. Activity will be on 80-10m SSB, RTTY, PSK and JT65. QSL via PA3FOE by the bureau, LoTW, eQSL or direct (Cor Drinkwaard, De Genestetstraat 9, Sliedrecht, ZH 3362TE, Netherlands). SWL- QSL allways welcome. [www.waponline.it/]

01/03/2014: Look for special event station 8N2HHH to be active on all bands and modes between 1 March and 16 June 2014 for the Hamanako Flower Expo (or Hana Haku) 2014 / The 31st Japan Parks and Urban Green Fair in Shizuoka-city (JCC 1801). Shizuoka-city is located in Shizuoka prefecture, Chubu region, on the island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

03/01/2014: Special event station 8J3ZUKA is currently QRV on all bands and modes until 31 March 2015 to celebrate Takarazuka(-city)'s Triple Anniversay - (1) The 100th Anniversary of The Takarazuka Revue, (2) The 60th Anniversary of Takarazuka-city and (3) The 20th Anniversary of The Osamu Tezuka Manga Museum. The City of Takarazuka is located in Hyogo prefecture, Kansai region, island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

03/01/2014: Special station 8J9OKB is now active on all bands and modes until 28 February 2014. Activity is for the Campaign for Amateur Radio License Electronic Application (O: Otoku (or Money-saving), K: Kantan (or Easy), B: Benri (or Convenient)). QSL via the bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

03/01/2014: The callsign EI30T (Echo India Three Zero Tango) has been issued to Justin EI3CTB as a special callsign to use during 2014 to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of his amateur radio licence issued in 1984. This is the first time the prefix EI30 has been issued. Please QSL direct (Justin Behan, 25 Birchdale Road, Kinsealy Court, Kinsealy, Co Dublin, Ireland) including $2 and a self addressed envelope or with OQRS. Cards without return postage will be returned via the bureau. Online log will be hosted by ClubLog. Website: www.qrz.com/db/EI30T [DxCoffee]

08/01/2014: Poland - 120th birthday of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe (SP3RN) and the 75th anniversary of Radio Niepokalanow - St. Maximilian founded the first private radio station in Poland, Radio Niepokalanow. As only government broadcasting stations were allowed in the 1920's, he was permitted orally to use rather an amateur callsign for test transmissions. After a course of training in amateur radio, he chose the SP3RN callsign and transmitted near the 40 m amateur radio band in 1938. St. Maximilian was murdered in the German Nazi Auschwitz Concentration Camp after he volunteered his life for the life of another inmate who had been randomly sentenced to death. The following special-event stations will operate to celebrate the two Anniversaries: 3Z120SMK II2SMK (8-28 January 2014) and HF120MK SN0MMK SN120MK SN120MMK; HF0RN SN0RN SN75RN (8 January - 14 August 2014). QSL via the operators' instructions. Polish and Italian Awards will be available for QSO's (HRD's) with those stations. Websites: stmaximiliansp3rn.blogspot.com and sp9jpa.blogspot.com [SP9JPA]

08/01/2014: W1AW, Centennial Stations. Look for W1AW/7 operated from K7CO West Jordan, Utah, and W1AW/4 operated from AA4V Isle of Palms, South Carolina, to be on the air starting at 0000Z on 8 January. They will be active until 2359Z on 14 January. See the ARRL Web site for information about QSLing. [ARRL]

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

04/01-12/01 5H1VC: Zanzibar Island WLOTA:1080 QSL RW6HS (d/B)
04/01-11/01 8Q7SM: Male Atoll WLOTA:3911 QSL OE1SSS (d/B)

6 METRES & UP -

04/01 Contest Romagna 50MHz CW/SSB/Open/Fixed, /P 0900z-1500z
05/01 Contest Romagna 144MHz CW/SSB/Open/Fixed, /P 0800z-1500z
05/01 ARRL Kid's Day - Phone All modes/6m & Up 1800z-2359z
07/01 LY 144MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM/Open 1800z-2159z
07/01 NRAU 144MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
07/01 RSGB 144MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
08/01 MOON Contest 432MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1900z-2100z
09/01 LY 50MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM/Open 1800z-2159z
09/01 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_jan.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

The following operation is approved for DXCC credit:
ZD9KX - Tristan Da Cunha & Gough Is
2012 and 2103 Operation
73 es DX!
Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

Italy: QSL cards will become more expensive -
It will become more expensive to send a QSL card from Italy. From today (30 December 2013) on, till entire 2016, the QSL traffic will become more costly for the Italian QSL Managers. A series of increases in postal rates will affect Italian radio amateurs in a short time. Unfortunately, the cost to send a letter (0-20 gr.) will pass from the average 0,70 Euro to 0,95 Euro thanks to the National Communication Authority (AGICOM) that gave the green light for a series of increases of the Italian postal rates from today to 2016. Other increases are planned, with the same logic also over the registered letter of the same rage 0-20 gr. That is, by case, the average weight of an amateur radio QSL.
[DxCoffee]

QSLs via Bureau: None to report this week :o(

QSLs via Direct: 3B9EME (I3LDP), 3D2GC (PayPal), 5J0R (EA5RM), 9L1JT (N4WDT), BA5CJ/5 (H/c), BP0A (QRZ.com), EF3EGB (EA3EGB), EG3INT/7 (EA5KA), FO/KH0PR [OC-094, OC-238] (JJ8DEN), FS/N0TG (AA4VK), HP0INT/2 [NA-202, NA-170] (F4BKV), HP0INT/3 [NA-071] (F4BKV), HP0INT/4 [NA-088] (F4BKV), HP0INT/9 [NA-203] (F4BKV), J34J (JA1HGY OQRS), J8/DH5FS (DM5JBN OQRS), J87GU (OQRS), N1LI [NA-137] (cba), PJ2/DL8OBQ (H/c), PJ2/W5BOS (H/c), RI1ANC (RN1ON), RI1ANU [AN-010] (ZS1OIN), T46C (EA5GL), TK0INT (EA5KA OQRS), TM0SM (F5CWU OQRS), TN2MS (PA3AWW OQRS), TX5D (N7QT), VK6ARI [OC-164] (VK6HZ), XW0YJY (E21EIC OQRS), YB3MM/2 (IZ8CCW), YB3MM/4 [OC-262] (IZ8CCW), YB8BRI/p (H/c), YE5R (YB4IR OQRS) and YF1AR/9 (N2OO OQRS).

QSLs via LoTW: AA4CF, C31BO, EA4ESP, F6BLP, FJ/DK7LX, HB9BLQ, I8RCM, K0MD, JR2PAU, N6HY, R7378TM, S21ZBC, S79ACR, T6T, TR8CA, UT7LW, V5/DL3DXX and VU7AG.

BITS & PIECES -

BY7, PARACEL ISLANDS (AS-143) -
Che, BA7CK is currently QRV (since 31 December 2013) from Woody Island [Yongxing Dao] (AS-143, WLOTA

4111), Paracel Islands, for a few days. He is there to find a good QTH (and test band noise) for an
upcoming group DXpedition planned for April. Dale, BA4TB, who is part of the team, may also visit
the island sometime next month to finalise site selection. At this stage, BA7CK is an official
operation, but he can only accept eQSL. (No LoTW and paper QSL for his short stay). Updates to
follow in due course. [DX World]

IOTA BASH 2014 -
The dates for this years IOTA Bash is 14th-15th March 2014. The event will be held in Boerne, Texas, near San Antonio. Guest speakers thus far include Mike K9AJ, Christian EA3NT and myself Mike AB5EB. Further updates to follow. [AB5EB]

OZ Flora & Fauna Cup 2014 -
Hi all
Happy New Year !!!
OZFF Cup 2013 has come to an end and OZFF Group would like to welcome everyoneto the OZFF Cup 2014. At www.ozff.dk/ you will find the rules for the OZFF Cup 2014.
As the rules of OZFF Cup 2013 says, can logs from the year 2013 be added the competition until 15.th January. Therefore, the winner will not be announced until after that date. Top 3 Operators af all classes will receive Awards via e-mail.
See the results of OZFF Cup 2013 at www.ozff.dk - The Ranklist will be updated as I receive the logs.
Vy 73 de OZ7AEI / Jakob
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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